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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE FOLLOWING CABLE HAS BEEN DRAFTED BY FORMER KIGALI DCM, JOYCE LEADER, IN BUJUMBURA EN ROUTE TO THE U.S. FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS AS CHARGE IN RWANDA.
3. SUMMARY. THE GOR IS MOVING TO ESTABLISH SECURITY
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AND THE RULE OF LAW, BUT IT ACKNOWLEDGES THE NEED FOR
HELP IN BUILDING THE CAPACITY TO INVESTIGATE AND
BRING TO JUSTICE WRONGDOERS. OFFICIALS CONSIDER AN
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL ESSENTIAL AND COMPLEMENTARY TO
THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL PROCESS. PUNISHMENT
PROPORTIONAL TO RESPONSIBILITY WITH "EXTENUATING
CIRCUMSTANCES" TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION ARE
FREQUENTLY MENTIONED ELEMENTS OF THE CONCEPT OF
JUSTICE. INDIGENOUS HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS ARE
RECONSTITUTING THEMSELVES AND BEGINNING TO MONITOR
THE CURRENT SITUATION AND INVESTIGATE EVENTS OF THE

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PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. GOR OFFICIALS INSIST THAT RECENT RWANDANS REFUGEES NOT BE HELD "HOSTAGE" BY FORMER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. MEANWHILE, OLDER REFUGEE GROUPS ARE RETURNING IN MASSIVE NUMBERS FROM BURUNDI AND UGANDA. END SUMMARY.

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4. DURING HER TWO-WEEK STAY IN RWANDA AS CHARGE, EX-DCM LEADER DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WITH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, ALPHONSE NKUBITO, THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVE, KAREN KINNEY, INDIGENOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, AND THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AS WELL AS WITH THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND SEVERAL OTHER RWANDANS. SHE DISCUSSED REFUGEE ISSUES WITH LOCAL AND HEADQUARTERS-BASED UNHCR OFFICIALS AND WITH OFFICIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MIGRATION (IOM). KEY POINTS FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOW.

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5. GOR OFFICIALS, BEGINNING WITH THE PRESIDENT, ACKNOWLEDGE INCIDENTS OF REPRISAL ARE OCCURRING AT THE HANDS OF BOTH CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS INSIDE RWANDA. THEY INSIST THIS IS NOT POLICY AND SAY STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO CURB SUCH BEHAVIOR. ABOUT 60 SOLDIERS ARE IN CUSTODY; THEY ARE TO BE TRIED ACCORDING TO THE LAW BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL THAT IS BEING RECONSTITUTED.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS MONITOR KINNEY TOLD CHARGE SHE HAS FAIRLY SOLID EVIDENCE OF RPF SOLDIERS BEING INVOLVED IN RECENT REPRISAL INCIDENTS IN THE GIKONGORO AND BUTARE AREAS. SHE IS PURSUING THESE LEADS WITH GOR AUTHORITIES.

7. THE KIGALI PRISON OPENED AUGUST 16 AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE. ALL DETAINEES, MOST HELD AT THE TIME IN MILITARY CAMPS, ARE BEING MOVED TO THE PRISON, WHICH HAS A CASELOAD OF ABOUT 1,000. WFP IS PROVIDING FOOD FOR THE PRISONERS, THEY ARE BEING REGISTERED AND THEIR CASES ARE TO BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RWANDAN LAW. THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, HOWEVER, SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE MILITARY'S WORD FOR IT THAT ALL DETAINEES HAD BEEN MOVED FROM MILITARY CAMPS AND OTHER PLACES

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CONCEPT OF JUSTICE

8. THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE SEES THREE CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MASSACRES: THOSE WHO PLANNED THE OPERATION; THOSE WHO KNOWINGLY IMPLEMENTED IT; AND
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THOSE WHO WERE SWEEPED UP OR FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, SETH SENDASHONGA, SAID THAT PUNISHMENT OF PERSONS IN THESE CATEGORIES SHOULD BE PROPORTIONAL TO THE RESPONSIBILITY THEY BEAR FOR WHAT HAPPENED. SEVERAL INTERLOCUTORS SAID THAT THE LAW ALLOWS "EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES" TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING PUNISHMENT.

9. THE PRESIDENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT "INSTITUTIONALIZE IMPUNITY" WHICH HAD CHARACTERIZED THE ATTITUDE OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR TOLD CHARGE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO QUESTION OF AMNESTY. ANOTHER INTERLOCUTOR, HOWEVER, PRIVY TO DISCUSSIONS OF CORE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TOLD CHARGE HE THINKS THE IDEA MAY BE EVOLVING OF SOME SORT OF AMNESTY FOR PERSONS WILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR ROLE IN THE RECENT EVENTS AND SEEK FORGIVENESS. THIS, HE SPECULATED, MIGHT TAKE PLACE AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL AND SERVE AS A WAY OF REINTEGRATING PEOPLE WHO COMMITTED ACTS OF A LESSER MAGNITUDE THAN KILLING. HE SAID MANY PEOPLE DID NOT KILL, BUT NEARLY EVERYONE "ATE THEIR NEIGHBOR'S COWS" OR "STOLE THEIR NEIGHBORS BANANAS." THESE PEOPLE,

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TOO, NOW FEAR TO RETURN.

10. CHARGE URGED INTERLOCUTORS ON THIS SUBJECT TO
CLARIFY PUBLICLY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THE APPROACH
THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO TAKE, IN ORDER TO GIVE PEOPLE
THE INFORMATION THEY NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT
RETURN. SHE NOTED THAT THE NEXT SIX WEEKS CONSTITUTE

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THE PLANTING SEASON AND ARE KEY TO WHETHER PEOPLE
WILL RETURN NOW OR WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT PLANTING
SEASON.

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

11. GOR OFFICIALS SUPPORT WITHOUT QUESTION AN
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL TO JUDGE THE MOST EGREGIOUS
CASES. THEY BELIEVE INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IS
ESSENTIAL TO THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PROCESS. THE
MINISTER OF JUSTICE, HOWEVER, INSISTS THAT THE

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NATIONAL PROCESS CANNOT BE DELAYED INDEFINITELY IF THE INTERNATIONAL ONE FAILS TO BEGIN PROMPTLY. HE ACCEPTS THAT THE NATIONAL SYSTEM IS WEAK AND SAYS THE GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEPT JURISTS FROM OUTSIDE RWANDA TO ASSIST WITH THE PROSECUTION OF THE CASES. ALL RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSISTENCY AND LINKAGES BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL SYSTEM, BUT THERE IS LITTLE CLARITY AS TO WHAT THAT ENTAILS. HE BELIEVES THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL SHOULD START FIRST, HOWEVER.

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HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVERS

12. GOVERNMENT INTERLOCUTORS ALL ACCEPT THE NEED FOR TRANSPARENCY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. IT ACCEPTS THE COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS' PROPOSAL FOR ONE MONITOR PER COMMUNE, OR ABOUT 150. KINNEY TOLD CHARGE THE IDEA WOULD BE TO DEPLOY TWO TOGETHER, ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE, TO COVER TWO COMMUNES. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, ONLY THREE PEOPLE FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS

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CENTER CURRENTLY IN RWANDA SERVING AS MONITORS. KINNEY CALLED THIS "UNCONSCIONABLE", GIVEN THE FACT THAT \$600 THOUSAND FROM THE CENTER'S REGULAR BUDGET WAS APPROPRIATED AT THE TIME OF THE SPECIAL SESSION IN MAY AND THE U.S. PLEDGED ANOTHER \$750 THOUSAND AT THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE.

13. KINNEY IS PROMOTING THE IDEA OF ROLE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MONITORS, UNDER THE HR COMMISSION RESOLUTION, AND INVESTIGATORS, UNDER THE SC RESOLUTION. THERE IS, OF COURSE, AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TWO FUNCTIONS ARE COMPLEMENTARY. BUT THE FIRST NEEDS SOCIAL, ANTHROPOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL SKILLS, WHILE THE SECOND NEEDS A RANGE OF TECHNICAL SKILLS, FROM LEGAL TO FORENSICS.

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS UP AND RUNNING

14. KEY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, WHO MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED THE MASSACRES, HAVE BEGUN WORKING AGAIN. JOSEPH MATATA OF ARDHO, BERNADETTE KANYAZAIRE OF AVP, AND MEMBERS OF ADL (MONIQUE MUJAWAMARIYA IS TO RETURN ANY DAY) AND LIPRODHOR EACH RETAIN THEIR SEPARATE OFFICES, BUT ARE POOLING THEIR

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MEAGER RESOURCES TO MONITOR THE CURRENT SITUATION AS WELL AS INVESTIGATE HOW THE MASSACRES WERE ORGANIZED AND CARRIED OUT. THEY ARE WORKING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CLADHO, THE UMBRELLA HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION HEADED UP TO NOW BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

15. MATATA TOLD CHARGE A 7-MEMBER GROUP OF HUMAN
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RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, LED BY AMBASSADOR KATABARWA OF AVP, MET OVER THE WEEKEND WITH VICE-PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE, PAUL KAGAME, TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP. MATATA SAID HE HAD BEEN BLUNT WITH THE VP: WE HAVE LONG BEEN CONSIDERED RPF SYMPATHIZERS, BUT WE WILL CALL THE RPF ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES JUST AS WE DID THE FORMER GOVERNMENT; IF WE HAVE TO GRAB YOU BY THE THROAT, WE WILL GRAB YOU BY THE THROAT. MATATA SAID THE VP PROMISED THE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS ACCESS TO BOTH PRISONS AND MILITARY CAMPS AND SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE ESCORTS FOR THEM INTO AREAS WHERE INTERAHAMWE (THE MILITIA OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL PARTY) ARE THOUGHT TO BE ACTIVE.

16. MATATA SAID THAT THE GROUPS ARE DOCUMENTING CASES OF REPRISALS, BUT HE GAVE NO SPECIFICS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THEY HAVE FOUND THERE WAS A NETWORK OF TRAINED SECTOR-LEVEL (SUB-COMMUNE) LEADERS WHO UNLEASHED THE MASSACRES. MATATA SAID THAT THE ARDHO OFFICES WERE COMPLETELY RANSACKED AND ALL THE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT (PROVIDED BY THE U.S. UNDER A 116 (E) GRANT IN FY 91) STOLEN. HOWEVER, HE SAID

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WITH A SMILE, ALL OF THE ARDHO REPORTS AND OTHER
DOCUMENTATION WAS LEFT BEHIND: THE VANDALS
APPARENTLY DID NOT KNOW WHAT OFFICE THEY WERE IN.

RETURN OF RECENT REFUGEES

17. CARL BECK, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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ORGANIZATION OF MIGRATION, WHICH IS HELPING TRANSPORT
REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS BACK TO
THEIR HOMES, TOLD CHARGE THAT BETWEEN AUGUST 3 AND
AUGUST 23, IOM TRANSPORTED ABOUT 1,000 PERSONS PER
DAY, OR ABOUT 20,000 PERSONS, FROM CAMPS NEAR GOMA
INTO NORTHERN RWANDA. IN ADDITION, IOM HAD MOVED
10,000 PERSONS INSIDE RWANDA, FROM BYUMBA SOUTH AND
FROM KIBUYE EAST. SINCE THEN THE ORGANIZATION HAS
MOVED NEARLY 500 PEOPLE FROM CYANGUGU BACK TO BUTARE
AND IS TO BEGIN MOVING PEOPLE FROM BUTARE NORTH.

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18. BECK TOLD CHARGE AUGUST 28, THOUGH, THAT THE FLOW ACROSS THE BORDER APPEARS TO HAVE SLOWED TO A TRICKLE. HE SUSPECTS FORMER GOVERNMENT ARMY, MILITIA AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE BEGINNING TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR HOLD ON THOSE PERSONS WHO REMAIN. HE RECOUNTED AN 8/23 INCIDENT WHEREBY HCR HAD 140 PERSONS LINED UP TO REPATRIATE FROM MUGUNGU CAMP BUT HAD TO CANCEL THE OPERATION WHEN NO ONE SHOWED UP AT THE PLANNING MEETING ON THE EVE OF THE MOVE. HE SAID A FORMER PREFET WHO HAD EARLIER SPOKEN UP IN FAVOR OF REPATRIATION (HE COULDN'T IDENTIFY WHICH PREFECTURE) HAD BEEN KILLED BY A MOB IN FRONT OF IOM STAFF IN THE MUNGUNGU CAMP.

19. UNHCR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, JANVIER DE REIDMATTEN, TOLD CHARGE THAT THERE ARE MORE AND MORE ORGANIZED PEOPLE IN THE GOMA CAMPS TRYING TO PREVENT RETURN. HE RECOUNTED AN INCIDENT 8/24 WHEREBY A CONVOY RETURNING RWANDAN PARK RANGERS TO KINIGI WAS ATTACKED BETWEEN RUTSHURU AND GOMA BY FORMER RWANDAN MILITIA

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AND SOLDIERS, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO ZAIRIAN SOLDIERS.
ONE RANGER WAS BEATEN AND FOUR WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE.

20. BECK SAID IOM, WHICH INITIALLY HAD ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING MUGUNGU CAMP, HAS WITHDRAWN ALL OF ITS STAFF, EXCEPT 2 LAWYERS, BECAUSE OF THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF CAMP MANAGEMENT WITH ASSISTANCE TO RETURNEES: FACILITATING RETURN PUTS IOM STAFF AT RISK. HE SAID MUGUNGU CAMP IS OVERWHELMINGLY, BUT NOT ENTIRELY, POPULATED BY FORMER RWANDAN SOLDIERS, MILITIAS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IN HIS VIEW, PERSONS IN THE GOMA CAMPS ARE TERRIFIED BOTH OF APPEARING TO WANT TO RETURN AND OF BEING KILLED IN RWANDA IF THEY DO. HE SAID SOME REFUGEES HAD TOLD HIM THEY "HAD TO APPEAR TO BE ACTIVE" IN KILLINGS IN ORDER TO AVOID REPRISALS THEMSELVES.

21. COMMENT. BECK SAID THAT IOM WILL NEED SEPARATE RESOURCES TO CONDUCT ITS OPERATIONS INSIDE RWANDA. UNHCR HAS BEEN FUNDING THE RETURN OF REFUGEE OPERATIONS AND WILL HELP WITH THE RETURN OF PERSONS FROM INSIDE THE FORMER HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION ZONE IN THE SOUTHWEST. HOWEVER, IT HAS DECIDED AGAINST

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INVOLVEMENT IN THE NATIONWIDE RETURN OF DISPLACED PERSONS. BECK APPEALED TO THE U.S. TO CONTRIBUTE TO IOM'S APPEAL FOR FUNDING FOR THIS OPERATION. COMMENT.

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22. PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU, VP KAGAME AND PM TWAGIRAMUNGU ALL INSISTED THAT RWANDANS NOT BE USED AS PAWNS OR BECOME HOSTAGES BY FORMER GOVERNMENT
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SYMPATHIZERS WHO WANT TO PREVENT THEM FROM RETURNING HOME. BIZIMUNGU TOLD A VISITING PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION 8/29 THAT GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA AND THREATS AND INTIMIDATION ARE THE PRIMARY OBSTACLES TO REFUGEE RETURN. ZAIRE, HE SAID, SHOULD DISARM ALL FORMER RWANDAN SOLDIERS AND MILITIA, INSIST ON THE APPLICATION OF REFUGEE STATUTES (I.E. DISQUALIFICATION FOR THOSE WHO'VE PICKED UP ARMS OR ENGAGED IN POLITICS), AND ESTABLISH SAFE CORRIDORS FOR THE RETURN OF THOSE DESIRING TO DO SO. HE CALLED ON THE U.S. TO HELP TO ENCOURAGE ZAIRE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF FEAR IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS.

FORMER REFUGEE RETURN

23. UNHCR'S DE REIDMATTEN TOLD CHARGE THAT AN ESTIMATED 100,000 REFUGEES HAVE RETURNED FROM UGANDA FORMER REFUGEE CAMPS IN UGANDA ARE, ACCORDING TO ONE RPF SOURCE, NEARLY EMPTY. (THE SAME SOURCE MENTIONED, POSSIBLY INADVERTENTLY, THAT THE RPF IS NOW HAVING TO HIRE TRUCKS TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES BACK FROM MORE DISTANT CAMPS NEAR LAKE ALBERT IN THE WESTERN PART OF UGANDA.) THESE PEOPLE ARE MOVING

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SOUTH THROUGH THE MUTARA, NGARAMA, GITUZA AREA OF RWANDA, ALONG THE MAIN ROAD THAT SKIRTS THE AKAGERA FOREST AND THE DOMAINE DE CHASSE. (NOTE. THE AREA IN QUESTION IS SPARSELY POPULATED, HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST FOR CATTLE GRAZING--BEFORE THE WAR BEGAN IN 1990, TUTSIS AND THEIR CATTLE OCCUPIED "RANCHES" IN THE AREA--AND HAS LITTLE READILY AVAILABLE WATER. IT

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IS AN AREA THAT WAS TARGETED FOR LIMITED REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT PLANS. END NOTE.)

24. BURUNDIANS ARE RETURNING IN LARGE NUMBERS PRIMARILY TO KIGALI. VEHICLES WITH BURUNDI LICENSE PLATES ARE PLYING THE ROADS AS TAXIBUSES, BURUNDIANS ARE TAKING OVER UNCLAIMED BUSINESSES, AND THEY ARE OCCUPYING EMPTY HOUSES. IN THE PROCESS, THEY ARE ALIENATING MANY LONG-TIME RESIDENTS, TUTSI AND HUTU ALIKE, WITH WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS THEIR SUPERIOR ATTITUDE.

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25. THE GOVERNMENT INSISTS THE BARUNDI KNOW NOT TO EXPECT TO RETAIN POSSESSION OF PROPERTY THAT IS NOT THEIRS. KAGAME SAID THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT, CONSISTENT WITH THE ARUSHA ACCORD ON REFUGEE RETURN, THAT RETURNING REFUGEES WHO LEFT RECENTLY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RECLAIM THEIR PROPERTY, WHEREAS THOSE WHO LEFT MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECLAIM PROPERTY.

RETURNING GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS

26. SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE RETURNED TO KIGALI WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE GOR AND THE HELP OF UNAMIR. FIRST AMONG THEM WAS GENERAL (CONSIDERED A COLONEL BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT) AND HUTUS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, FROM DEATH, BY BRAVE, HEROIC ACTIONS. LAST WEEK, COL. GATSINZI, WHO WAS BRIEFLY NAMED CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT IN APRIL, AND AN ENTOURAGE OF ABOUT 70 MILITARY
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SUPPORTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES RETURNED TO KIGALI UNDER UNAMIR ESCORT FROM GOMA. (AMONG THE GROUP WAS THE WIFE OF MAJOR RWABALINDA, WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY ON THE MILITARY JUSTICE SEMINAR AND WHO WAS UNINTENTIONALLY KILLED IN AN RPF AMBUSH AFTER HE HAD ALREADY DECLARED HIS INTENTION TO DEFECT TO THE RPF.) THESE PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT AS THEY WISH. GENERAL RUSATIRA WAS PRESENT LAST WEEK AT A GOVERNMENT RALLY IN RUHENGERI, HIS HOME PREFECTURE, BUT HE DID NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENTS, AND HAS NOT MADE ANY, SINCE HIS RETURN.

OUTFLOWS

27. NEITHER UNHCR NOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVE HAVE EVIDENCE TO EXPLAIN NEW OUTFLOWS OF REFUGEES FROM RWANDA INTO TANZANIA AND BURUNDI. UNHCR SAID THAT 15,000 FLED FROM RWANDA INTO BURUNDI (NGOZI AREA) DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST. UNHCR HAS THE REPORT OF 12,000 NEW ARRIVALS IN KARAGWE AND WILL CHARGE ITS NEW OFFICE IN KIBONGO, STAFFED WITH THREE OFFICERS, TO INVESTIGATE. UNHCR SAID THAT IT IS ESTABLISHING A MONITORING SYSTEM INSIDE RWANDA TO KEEP TABS ON SECURITY SITUATION FOR

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RETURN. THESE FIELD OFFICES WILL BE IN CYANGUGU,
GIKONGORO, BUTARE, GITARAMA, AND BYUMBA.

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28. AT THE BEHEST OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS
REPRESENTATIVE, SHE MEETS REGULARLY WITH UNHCR AND
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ICRC REPRESENTATIVES TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND
COMPARE ASSESSMENTS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING. THEY HAVE
ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO NAME "LIAISON OFFICERS" FOR
THEM WITH THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, INTERIOR, AND
JUSTICE, THE MINISTRIES MOST CONCERNED WITH SECURITY.

COMMENT

29. THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN RWANDAN AND
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES CANNOT BE RESOLVED WITHOUT
ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECURITY.
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY
TO FIELD HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS INSIDE RWANDA AND TO
ENSURE THAT PERSONS CONDUCTING CAMPAIGNS OF
INTIMIDATION AND TERROR IN RWANDAN REFUGEES CAMPS ARE
DEPRIVED OF THE MEANS OF DOING SO AND TREATED
ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL LAW. UNLESS THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN OFFER THIS KIND OF
SUPPORT TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI, IT MIGHT BE

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